

**ARTICLE 23*****Functions of the Competent Authorities  
and the Competent Organizations***

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties or their delegated institutions shall:
  - (a) establish the administrative arrangements necessary for the application of this Agreement;
  - (b) designate their respective liaison agencies.
  
2. The competent organizations of the Contracting Parties shall:
  - (a) communicate to each other the internal measures taken by them for the application of the Agreement;
  - (b) notify each other of any legislative and regulatory provisions that modify those specified in Article 2;
  - (c) lend their good offices and furnish the fullest technical and administrative assistance possible to one another for the purpose of determining eligibility for, or the amount of, any benefit under this Agreement, or under the legislation to which this Agreement applies, as if the matter involved the application of their own legislation;
  - (d) communicate to each other, to the extent permitted by the legislation which they administer, any information necessary for the application of this Agreement.
  
3. The assistance referred to in sub-paragraph 2(c) shall be provided free of charge, subject to Article 20(3) and any agreement reached by the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties, or their delegated institutions, for the reimbursement of specific types of costs.
  
4. Unless disclosure is required under the laws of a Contracting Party, any information about a person which is transmitted in accordance with this